

PERMITTING GALVESTON COUNTY AND CITY TO ISSUE
BONDS FOR GRADE RAISING PURPOSES.

S. J. R. No. 23.]

A Joint Resolution proposing and submitting to the people of the State of Texas an amendment to Article sixteen of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto a new section and authorizing the City of Galveston and County of Galveston to issue bonds for protective works, irrespective of Constitutional limitations, in the aggregate of five million dollars for both city and county, as may be by the city or county deemed necessary for the raising of the grade, building seawalls and breakwaters and doing any and all kinds of protective works in said city and county and to levy and collect taxes to retire said bonds, principal and interest, providing for a sinking fund and creating an emergency.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. The City of Galveston and the County of Galveston, and each of them, are hereby authorized to issue bonds in such amounts, not to exceed in the aggregate five million dollars, for both City and County, as may be by the city or county deemed necessary for the raising of the grade, building seawalls and breakwaters, and doing any and all other kinds of protective works in said city and county, without regard to and irrespective of any provisions of the Constitution of the State of Texas limiting tax levies and governing bond issues, and for that purpose to levy and collect taxes to retire and pay same, principal and interest, but no debt shall ever be incurred for such purpose, unless provision is made at the time of creating same, for levying and collecting a sufficient tax to pay the interest thereon and to provide at least two per cent, as a sinking fund, this provision being cumulative, and authorizing the issuance of such bonds in addition to those heretofore issued for such purposes and still outstanding, the amount of such additional bonds to be issued by the county hereunder not to exceed one million dollars, and the amount of such additional bonds to be issued by the city hereunder not to exceed four million dollars, but nothing herein shall apply to bonds heretofore or hereafter issued for purposes other than those herein defined, provided however, that that portion of Galveston County not lying within the corporate limits of the City of Galveston shall not be taxed for the purpose of issuing bonds for any of the purposes herein provided within the corporate limits of the City of Galveston, unless such bond issue and tax levy be authorized by a majority of all the tax paying voters residing in Galveston County outside of the corporate limits of the City of Galveston; provided that no such bonds by the City of Galveston shall be valid, unless such bond issue and tax levy be authorized by a majority of all qualified tax paying voters of the City of Galveston, voting at an election to be called for that purpose by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of said City of Galveston.

SEC. 2. The Governor is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for submitting an amendment to the Constitution to the qualified electors of the State of Texas on the first Tuesday in November, 1919, being the fourth day of November 1919. Those favoring the

amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "For the amendment to Article sixteen of the Constitution of the State of Texas, authorizing the issuance of bonds by the City and County of Galveston." And those opposed to the said amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "Against the amendment to Article sixteen of the Constitution of the State of Texas, authorizing the issuance of bonds by the City and County of Galveston."

SEC. 3. The sum of five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars, or so much thereof as is necessary, out of the funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, is hereby appropriated to pay expenses for the carrying out of the provisions of this Resolution.

[NOTE.—S. J. R. No. 23 passed the Senate by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote, yeas 23, nays 0; and passed the House of Representatives by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote, yeas 104, nays 2.]

Approved March 13, 1919.

RELATING TO THE MANNER OF COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS.

H. J. R. No. 7.] HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION.

A joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Texas, proposing an amendment to the constitution of the State by adding to Article 16 thereof a new Section, to be known as Section 60; providing for the compensation of public officials.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That there is hereby added to Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, a new section to be known as Section 60 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, which shall read as follows:

Section 60. Compensation of Public Officials: All State, district, county and precinct officers within this State shall receive as compensation for their services a salary, the amount of which, the terms and methods of payment and the fund out of which such payments shall be made, shall be ascertained, declared and fixed by the Legislature from time to time; provided that the Legislature may make such exceptions as it may deem advisable.

This section shall supersede all other provisions of this constitution fixing and declaring the compensation of officers by salary, fees or otherwise and all provisions for salaries or other compensation for public officials, executive, legislative or judicial.

SEC. 2. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to cause to be issued his necessary proclamation for an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1920, at which election this amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of this State for adoption or rejection and shall make the publication required by the constitution and laws of the State. Said election shall be held